

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Ladant et al.) Group Art Unit for parent application:
) 1645
Serial No.: Not yet assigned)
) Examiner in parent application: Zeman
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For: BACTERIAL MULTI-HYBRID)
SYSTEM AND APPLICATIONS)
THEREOF)

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the first paragraph of page 1, and insert the following paragraph
therefor:

This regular U.S. application is a division of U.S. Application Serial No.
09/203,681 filed December 1, 1998, and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional patent
application serial No. 60/067,308, filed December 4, 1997, the entire disclosure of each
of which is relied upon and incorporated by reference herein.